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SUBJ: SRI LANKA'S POSITION ON ANGOLA

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1. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 13, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA), LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY SAID, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THAT SRI LANKA'S POSITION ON ANGOLA IS THAT ANGOLANS SHOULD SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS BY THEMSELVES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IN THE OAU, TWO DIFFERENT VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED ABOUT ANGOLAN SITUATION.

2. MDFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA TELLS US NEWS ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECT BUT THAT JAYAKODY HAD ALSO SAID, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS, THAT ANGOLA WAS MATTER FOR AFRICANS TO SETTLE THEMSELVES AND THAT GSL WOULD NOT TAKE SIDES IN MATTER. SAME SOURCE ALSO SAID NO PRESSURE HAD BEEN PUT ON GSL TO RECOGNIZE ANY PARTY EMPHASIZING "THAT HE IS AWARE OF", OTHER THAN LETTER FROM ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, SENT TO ALL NON-ALIGNED, URGING RECOGNITION OF MPLA. PERKSINS

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